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SUBJECT: KING HASSAN CALLS FOR PRODUCTION INCREASE

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B. RABAT 1129

1. IN MARCH 3 THRONE DAY DISCOURSE, KING DISCUSSED ECONOMY UNDER TWO HEADINGS: AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY.

2. ON AGRICULTURAL SIDE, FOR FIRST TIME PUT A FIGURE (VIZ. 80,000 HECTARES) ON THE PROMISE TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF LAND TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE LAND REFORM PROGRAM THIS YEAR. ALSO SPECIFIED INTENTION TO INSTALL IRRIGATION WORKS FOR 43,000 HECTARES EACH YEAR FOR THE PERIOD REMAINING IN FIVE YEAR PLAN. AS PROJECTED BY KING, BY END OF PLAN PERIOD IN 1977, RESULT SHOULD BE 500,000 HECTARES UNDER IRRIGATION (SEE COMMENT BELOW). KING OBSERVED PROGRESS IN DAM CONSTRUCTION AND PROMISED

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TO SPEED UP THE WORK SO AS TO BEGIN WORK ON THE SIDI CHEHO

DAM BEFORE END OF PLAN PERIOD. MENTIONED AGAIN HIS PLAN TO MAKE MOROCCO SELF SUFFICIENT IN SUGAR BY 1977 BY PRODUCTION OF SUGAR BEETS AND CANE ON IRRIGATED LAND AND CONSTRUCTION OF SIX NEW SUGAR MILLS. HE MADE NO FURTHER MENTION OF INTENTION TO INVITE FOREIGN CORPORATIONS TO DESIGN AND TO BUILD IRRIGATION WORKS AND ADJACENT SUGAR MILLS.

3. ON INDUSTRIAL SIDE, KING STRESSED INTENTION TO BUILD INDUSTRIES WHICH WILL UTILIZE RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN MOROCCO, NOTABLY FOOD PROCESSING, TEXTILES, PHOSPHATES, IRON-STEEL (AT NADOR). AS ONE NEW NOTE, HE ADDED HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES. HE PROMISED TO PRESS SEARCH FOR PETROLEUM AND MINERALS. REGARDING OIL SHALE HE REMARKED THAT NECESSARY PRELIMINARY RESEARCH HAS BEEN PROCEEDING AND WILL CONTINUE. MENTIONED IN PASSING PLAN TO DEVELOP PORT KCT OF PHOSPHATES AT JORF AL ASFAR (CAP BLANC) SOUTH OF AL JIDIDA WITHOUT PROVIDING DETAILS.

4. COMMENT: NOTHING REALLY NEW IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD WAS PRESENTED IN THE SPEECH ALTHOUGH SOME DETAILS FILL A FEW GAPS, E.G. 80,000 HECTARES TO BE DISTRIBUTED THIS YEAR. IF THE GOM MEETS THAT GOAL, THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE LARGEST TRANSFER OF LAND SINCE 90,000 DISTRIBUTED IN FALL OF 1972. END COMMENT.

5. CONCLUDING DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC SITUATION, THE KING SOUNDED CLARION FOR UNITY AND WORK, COUCHED IN TERMS OF STRUGGLE AND COMBAT. HE SPOKE OF UNFAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES, NOTABLY DOMESTIC DROUGHT AND WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS, UNDER WHICH COMBAT MUST BE WAGED. "FIGHT EXTENDS TO ALL DOMAINS IN BOTH AGRICULTURE, IN INDUSTRY. SUCCESS DEPENDS UPON INCREASED PRODUCTION IN BOTH SECTORS."

6. IT NOTEWORTHY THAT KING CITED UNCERTAIN ECONOMIC SITUATIONS, TOGETHER WITH TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AGAINST SPAIN, AS NECESSITATING POSTPONEMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RABAT 1129).  
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